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over 503 because he has amendments coming. Senator Goodrich, did you want to move on to LB 587?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments. The first motion I have to the bill, Mr. President, is to indefinitely postpone. That will lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Who has the say-so on that, Senator DeCamp or Senator Lamb or...?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, let's take it up right now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Newell, did you wish to speak on your motion to indefinitely postpone LB 587?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, maybe I should ask Senator DeCamp, this bill did not have much of a discussion on General File. It was on Consent File and it moved rather rapidly and I am just curious if we could engender a little bit of debate or discussion here. As I understand it, it does away with some reporting laws and some of the arguments in favor of doing away with the reporting laws is that now that we have the constitutional amendment that was passed last year on the family farm that these requirements are no longer necessary. I am not sure that that is the case but I guess it is important that to my satisfaction we have a little better discussion so we do come to understand this issue and I can make some sort of better judgment as to whether or not that is in fact good public policy decision for this Legislature to be making in light of the constitutional amendment last year. So if Senator DeCamp would like to take the remainder of my time to discuss a little bit about the arguments in favor of this proposal, I would appreciate it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members, I will do better than that. I will tell you the history of the bill and everything. The original law was sponsored by Senator Burbach, and to be very frank with you, the original law was sponsored because Senator Burbach was receiving pressure from various groups for a family farm preservation bill. At the time Senator Burbach and a number of us, Senator Schmit, myself, got together and we came up with or I should say they came up with what amounts to a kind of a hokey scheme to buy some time and satisfy the people that wanted a family farm bill. The scheme was, okay, we would have a system of gathering all this information out in the rural areas and finding out just how much of an invasion of the corporate giants there